

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**IOWA STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2012**


**HELD AT:**

**DOROTHY PECAUT NATURE CENTER**  
**4500 SIOUX RIVER ROAD**  
**SIOUX CITY, IOWA**

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Deputy Director

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the State Preserves Advisory Board (SPAB) was called to order by Wayne Phipps, SPAB Chairperson on October 18, 9:00 a.m. He then welcomed guests and public present at the meeting.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Wayne Phipps, Chair  
Thomas Putnam  
Leesa McNeil  
Kirk Larsen  
Inger Lamb  
Lynn Alex  
Bruce Trautman

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

### **DNR STAFF PRESENT**

Daryl Howell  
John Pearson  
Karen Fynaardt

### **GUEST / PUBLIC PRESENT**

- Nadine Pettingill, Lyon County Historical Society, Rock Rapids
- Linda Theissen, Lyon County Historical Society, Rock Rapids
- Steve Simons, Lyon County Historical Society, Rock Rapids
- Byron Shreick, Lyon County Historical Society, Rock Rapids
- Kent O Rice, Jefferson County Trails, Fairfield
- Kevin Pape, DNR,
- Dawn Snyder, Woodbury CCB, Sioux City
- Jim Henning, Woodbury CCB, Sioux City
- Theresa Kruid, Woodbury CCB, Sioux City
- Dianne Blankenship, INPS IPN LHPS, Sioux City

## 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion** – McNeil motioned to approved the agenda.

**Seconded** – Alex

**Decision** – Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 24, 2012

**Motion** – McNeil motioned to accept as amended with corrections.

**Seconded** – Putnam

**Decision** – Approved as amended by unanimous vote

APPROVED AS AMENDED

## 3. GITCHIE MANITOU STATE PRESERVE

The Lyon County Historical Society discussed the concern about the condition of Gitchie Manitou State Preserve shelter due to vandalism, illicit use, and littering, suggesting some solutions. Requesting to open the preserve to vehicle traffic or improving the pathway with a hard surface. The Board had toured the preserve with the Historical Society on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion** – McNeil

**Seconded** – Putnam

**Discussion** – Motion to update the Management Plan.

**Decision** – Roll Call vote

Phipps aye

McNeil aye

Putnam aye

Larsen aye

Lamb aye

Alex aye

Trautman aye

**Motion** – Lamb

**Seconded** - McNeil

**Discussion** – Need to look into issues regarding liability, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) procedures, authority for police enforcement of rules, options for shelter renovation or removal.

**Decision** – Roll Call vote

Lamb - aye

Putnam - aye

Trautman -aye  
Alex -aye  
McNeil -aye  
Larson -aye  
Phipps- aye

**APPROVE AS PRESENTED**

## 5. LAMSON WOODS STATE PRESERVE

The City of Fairfield and the Jefferson County Trail Council has completed a 16-mile multipurpose recreation trail looping around the city. The entire trail is off-road except for 0.8 mile of shared roadway called Mint Boulevard, which borders Lamson Woods State Preserve. The City and Trail Council would like to construct a trail adjacent to the existing roadway. For most of the 0.8 mile, the proposed trail can be constructed in the existing road right-of-way. However for the creek crossing, a bridge is needed. The bridge and the bridge approaches will not fit within the existing road right-of-way. Mint Boulevard was relocated in the 1970's. The old roadbed and the old bridge still exist. The old roadbed and bridge are located in Lamson Woods State Preserve. The City and Trail Council would like to construct the trail on the old roadbed, use one of the existing bridge abutments, and replace the bridge. The trail would be in Lamson Woods for about 1,000 feet of the total 0.8 mile trail.

**Motion** – Lamb made a motion to stand by the 2008 vote to deny a trail through the preserve.

**Seconded** – McNeil

**Decision** – Roll Call vote

Putnam – aye

McNeil – aye

Larsen – aye

Lamb – aye

Trautman – nay

Alex – aye

Phipps aye

**DENIED REQUEST**

## 4. SPIRIT KNOLL PROPERTY

A scenic, 168-acre area of Loess Hills land north of Sioux City with significant archaeological resources and native prairie remnants has been proposed as a new state preserve. Informally known as “Spirit Knoll”, it was acquired by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and recently transferred to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The Board toured the site on October 17<sup>th</sup>. A management plan will be drafted by DNR staff with assistance from the Office of the State Archaeologist and will be discussed during the next business meeting. It was suggested to have “Spirit Knoll” renamed if the area is recommended for preserve dedication.

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**6. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- Lamb – Iowa Prairie Network will have a winter prairie gathering in January. A silent auction is held and this year Lamb is wanting the permission to propose to the IPN to have the income to go to hire a person to update a preserve management plan, this person will work with the DNR staff.
- Alex – June 2<sup>nd</sup> – have meeting during the date of the dedication of Spirit Knoll at the Loess Hills Seminar.
- Larson – Questioned why biological studies must follow the state fiscal year of July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to Kevin Pape, DNR for all his work on Spirit Knoll.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

January 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday - Wallace 4 W Bldg, Des Moines

April 23, Tuesday – Field Trip TBD

July 23, Tuesday, Wallace 4W, Des Moines

**ADJOURNMENT**

<i>Motion was made by Putnam to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by McNeil. Approved by Unanimous Vote. With no further business to come before the Iowa State Preserves Advisory Board, Chairperson Wayne Phipps adjourned the meeting on October 18, at 11:15 am.</i>
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<b>APPROVED – MEETING ADJOURNED</b>
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